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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension



Summary Data on Permits to Carry Concealed Weapon

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Introduction

Minnesota Session Laws 2001, 1st Special Session, Chapter 8, Article 5, Section 20 mandates that each chief of police and sheriff shall submit to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal apprehension the following summary data related to applications for permits to carry pistols under Minnesota Statutes, section 624.714, for the preceding calendar year:

- (1) the number of applications received
- (2) the number of permits granted
- (3) the reasons given by the applicants for seeking the permits
- (4) the number of permits denied and the specific reason for each denial
- (5) the number of permits issued by the chief or sheriff that are valid as of December 31 of the preceding year; and
- (6) the number of convictions and types of crimes committed since the previous report, and in total, by individuals with permits to carry, including data as to whether a firearm lawfully carried solely by virtue of a permit to carry was actually used in furtherance of the crime.

Data collected for calendar year 2001 will be reported on February 15, 2002 and data collected for 2002 will be reported on February 15, 2003.

This report is a summary of the data reported by the chiefs of police and sheriffs.

Background

Local law enforcement agencies were notified of the new reporting requirement by letter (Attachment A). The BCA created a web site that allowed agencies to download a copy of the reporting form for mailing to the BCA or to report their summary data on-line. The information collected was sent out to data entry services.

Carry Concealed Weapon 2002 Summary Data

[The information collected covers the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002]

Statewide Data

Number of Agencies Reporting:

493	Total agencies notified of study
317	Agencies that submitted permit data
60	Agencies that did not issue any permits in 2002
105	Agencies reported they do not issue permits
11	No longer have police departments

13,709 Total applications received for permits to carry pistols

12,780 Total permits granted

904 Total permits denied

25 Total pending or incomplete

Reasons for seeking permit:

9,051 Personal Safety Hazard

4,658 Occupational Need

11,381 Total Number Valid Permits Statewide as of December 31, 2002

Reasons for permit denial (There may be multiple reasons for denial for an individual):

568	Does not have an occupational or personal safety hazard requiring a permit to carry.
220	Does not possess a firearms safety certificate recognized by the Department of Natural Resources, evidence of successful completion of a test of ability to use a firearm supervised by the chief of police or sheriff or other satisfactory proof of ability to use a pistol safely.
96	Total Prohibited by M. S. § 624.713
22	Has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Minn. Stat. 624.712 in Minnesota or elsewhere and not either (1) been restored to civil rights at least 10 years ago or (2) sentence expired at least 10 years ago.
7	Under 18 years of age - Subd. 1 (a)
10	Person convicted in Minnesota or elsewhere of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor violation of chapter 152, etc. - Subd. 1(d)
12	Has been confined or committed to a treatment facility in Minnesota or elsewhere as "chemically dependent" as defined in Minn. Stat. § 253B.02 – Subd. 1(e)
14	Has been convicted after August 1, 1992, of assault in the Fifth degree under MN statute 609.224 or of domestic assault under MN statute 609.2242 – Subd. 1 (h)
10	Has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year regardless of what punishment was actually imposed – Subd. 1 (j) (1)
1	Is an unlawful user of any controlled substance as defined in Chapter 152, Minnesota Statutes – Subd. 1 (j) (3)
11	Has been judicially committed to a treatment facility in Minnesota or elsewhere as "mentally ill," "mentally retarded," or "mentally ill and dangerous to the public" as defined in section 253.02 – Subd. 1 (j) (4)
3	Is an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States.
2	Has a court order that restrains them from harassing, stalking or threatening an intimate partner, the child of an intimate partner, or own child.
4	Has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.
166	Other reasons for denial (see list on page 4)

List of other reasons individuals were not issued permits to carry:

Number	Reason
52	Non-resident of city or county
2	Under 21
48	Incomplete application
1	Abuse of household member in Hawaii-unable to get disposition information from Hawaii.
5	Alcohol use
1	Behavioral and apparent alcohol problems
1	Cancel IPS. Numerous Alcohol related incidents
1	Checked box was police off. Believe to be untrue or an error
1	Criminal history shows disqualification for firearm.
1	Currently on probation
1	Currently under investigation for theft.
1	Denied because under investigation who has charged with a felony.
1	Depression problems.
1	Did not understand carry laws - thought he needed one to buy a handgun.
1	Domestic incident
1	DUI
2	DWI, disorderly.
1	Extensive criminal history.
2	Failed to complete requirements to secure permit
1	Failed to meet firearms qualification
1	False information on application
2	False information on application
1	Family Disputes and Allegations
1	Federal law-title 18m section 922
2	Frequent law enforcement contacts
1	Has weapons offenses pending in Iowa, no disposition yet.
1	Impersonation of a Police Officer
1	Incomplete training
1	Incorrect address on license
2	Irresponsible behavior/Alcohol use
1	Irresponsible carrying and threats
1	Irresponsible behavior
1	Is involved in felony theft case
1	Lied about criminal history on application (registered sex offender)
1	Medical reason
2	Need letter from employee
1	Needs letter from employer requesting he carry a weapon, have not received yet.
1	Non Immigrant alien prohibited by federal law of possessing a firearm.
2	Not necessary for travel and hunting.
1	Numerous calls of disturbance, didnt feel party should have one
1	Numerous contacts with law enforcement.
1	Past criminal involvement

1	Past problems with alcohol.
1	Pending 2002 Minneapolis PD forgery case.
1	Pending child endangerment charge, involving handgun in a residence
1	Pending felony charges for child pornography
1	Per BCA, did not issue due to pending disposition on case
1	Permit is still undecided.
1	Public safety risk
1	Resident alien card not provided.
1	Returned in mail because of no such address exist. Permit destroyed.
1	Revoked-alcohol incidents
1	Submitted photocopy of the filled out application instead of the original
1	Suspect in a child neglect report filed in 1998.
1	Violation of harassment order
1	Was involved in a felony
166	TOTAL

4 Number of individuals holding valid permits that committed crime since issue.

0 Number of individuals holding valid permits who used firearm in furtherance of crime.

CrimeType	Total # individuals convicted for this crime
169.121.1.B.3.A - DWI	1
169A.20.1 - Driving While Impaired	1
609.224 - Assault-5th Degree	1
169.14.2 - Traffic-Speeding	1

7 County Metro Area

[Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington, Dakota, Anoka, Carver, Scott]

1,746 Total applications received for permits to carry pistols

1,453 Total permits granted

276 Total permits denied

17 Total pending or incomplete

Reasons for seeking permit:

531 Personal Safety Hazard

1,215 Occupational Need

Reasons for permit denial (There may be multiple reasons for denial for an individual):

213 Does not have an occupational or personal safety hazard requiring a permit to carry.

50 Does not possess a firearms safety certificate recognized by the Department of Natural Resources, evidence of successful completion of a test of ability to use a firearm supervised by the chief of police or sheriff or other satisfactory proof of ability to use a pistol safely.

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80 County Greater Minnesota

11,963 Total applications received for permits to carry pistols

11,327 Total permits granted

628 Total permits denied

8 Total pending or incomplete

Reasons for seeking permit:

8,520 Personal Safety Hazard

3,443 Occupational Need

Reasons for permit denial (There may be multiple reasons for denial for an individual):

355 Does not have an occupational or personal safety hazard requiring a permit to carry.

170 Does not possess a firearms safety certificate recognized by the Department of Natural Resources, evidence of successful completion of a test of ability to use a firearm supervised by the chief of police or sheriff or other satisfactory proof of ability to use a pistol safely.

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